(b) if so, what is the difficulty being faced by the saff in informing the public at the airports of the exact time of arrival of any plane;

(c) whether Government are aware of the hardship being caused to the public due to the airports' inability to render this simple service; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to ensure that the expensive modern communication facilities are proprely used for the benefit of the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Adequate communication and navigational aids have been provided at various Airports to meet the requirements of the Airlines operating through them. Updating and modernising of the equipment is a continuing process.

(b) and (c) While it is the constant endeavour to keep the public at the Airport informed about the position of the flights, there are occasions when progressive delay on account of uncertain weather conditions and certain technical snags render it difficult for communication of information about the exact delay involved. There are also occasions when break-down in communication between different stations leads to delay in announcing such information.

(d) For proper utilisation of the equipment adequate training is imparted to the staff engaged on operating the equipment and coordination between different stations is maintained.

Representation from the Fishing Industry Regarding Direct Exports

291. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the fishing industry for consideration of their inability to export directly to foreign countries; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to assist the fishing industry so that our marine exports do not suffer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Closing down of Losing Public Sector Concerns

292. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to close down chronically losing public sector concern; if so, the details of the proposal; and

(b) whether any list of such losing concerns has been drawn up by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) The performance of the Central public enterprises including the chronically losing concerns are subjected to close review continously. Periodic performance review meetings are held at the level of Secretary or the Minister concerned and remedical steps as considered necessary to improve the performance are taken depending on the circumstances of each case. Proposals for closing down could be considered only in extremely rare cases. The emphasis, however, is to nurse back the sick units by extending necessary financial and other assistance. The list of enterprises which have incurred losses after/before tax in 1982-83 may be seen at Pages 53 & 54 of Volume I of the Public Enterprises Survey, 1982-83, placed on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on the 28th February, 1984.